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In re application of:

Manabu Kitamura, et al.

Application No.: 09/991,219

Filed: November 16, 2001

For: COMPUTER STORAGE SYSTEM
PROVIDING VIRTUALIZED
STORAGE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3936

Examiner: Tan Lien

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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